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SOPHOMORE WIDE RECEIVER Jake Soy brings down a pass to set-up a late 'Cats touchdown in their 22-19 overtime victory against Washburn. Soy caught 9 balls for 108 yards.

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SECOND ROUND

'Cats get revenge, advance to quarterfinals

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

The Bearcats got revenge for a season-opening loss to Abilene Christian in the second round of the NCAA playoffs.

"We're really thrilled with the win," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "We put a lot of preparation into this one and we knew that Abilene Christian was good on defense. Maybe if we hadn't turned the ball over so much we could have scored a few more points."

Senior running back LaRon Council scored four touchdowns in Northwest's 35-10 victory.

Council rushed for 87 yards on 17 carries and scored three touchdowns on the ground. He also caught a 27-yard touchdown pass to finish off the 'Cats' scoring.

The 'Cats rushed for 164 yards in the game, the most Abilene Christian has given up all season. Their previous high was 115 to Midwestern State in the final regular season game.

"We were just real physical up front," Council said. "We tried to stay patient with things. The two weeks to prepare for them really helped us out as well."

On the opening drive, the 'Cats drove 77 yards and capped it with an 8-yard Council touchdown run.

Abilene answered on the ensu-

ing possession as Morgan Lineberry hit a 29-yard field goal for the Wildcats' only first half points.

The 'Cats put up a goal line stand, forcing a fumble on the 1 yard line.

"It was just a big pile up and all of a sudden we saw the ball squirt loose," senior defensive end Sean Paddock said. "It was a big play. When they get that close to the end zone, you hate to think they're going to get in and you want to play like you can't let them in. A big play like that is a huge momentum changer for us."

On the next Northwest possession, junior quarterback Blake Bolles accounted for the only score in the second quarter with a 71-yard touchdown run. It was the longest run of his career.

"I was just excited," Council said. "Just to see him get out and open up like he did was a fun sight for me. It was just a great play, a great pull by him. He has the speed to go the distance."

To open the second half, Abilene fumbled giving the Bearcats a short field to work with.

Council added a 1-yard touchdown run three plays later and a 1-yard run in the third quarter.

Bolles hit Council midway through the fourth quarter on the 27-yard pass to give him 36 touchdown passes on the season, two



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NORTHWEST RUNNING BACK LaRon Council collides with an Abilene Christian defender on a run down the sidelines during the Nov. 21 contest at Bearcat Stadium.

shy of the single-season record.

Bolles threw a career-high three interceptions and fumbled a snap as Northwest committed a season-high four turnovers.

"It was frustrating," Tjeerdsma said. "On the fumbles, it was finally called late in the game, there was a lot of voice from the defense and that caused us problems. I can't say anything for the interceptions. One of them was a real bad choice

of where to throw the ball and a couple of them were great plays. That's going to happen, but it's disappointing to turn the ball over that many times."

Sophomore wide receiver Jake Soy recorded his seventh 100-yard game this season by hauling in 7 passes for 141 yards.

"Jake was a dominant player for them," Abilene Christian head coach Chris Thomsen said. "He

did a great job for them down the field allowing them to complete some of those throws."

With two minutes left in the game, Abilene running back Daryl Richardson broke into the end zone on a 1-yard touchdown run to complete the scoring.

Northwest will face No. 1 Central Washington in the quarterfinals. They beat Tarleton State 27-6 to advance.

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QUARTERFINALS

Blocked kick moves 'Cats into semifinals for fifth straight year

By Jason Lawrence
 Asst. Sports Editor

Senior defensive tackle Tyler Roach saved the Bearcats on Saturday by recording his fourth blocked kick of the year in a 21-20 victory over No. 1 Central Washington.

"Obviously we're thrilled to win in a tough atmosphere and tough situation against a tough football team," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "These guys just said coach, these are the best guys we've played all year. I guess you'd expect them to be since they're undefeated and number one."

Roach blocked what would have been the game-tying extra point with six seconds left in the game.

"Tyler's blocked four this season," Tjeerdsma said. "That was a picture of the other three. That wasn't an accident. These guys are good at it. It's not scheme, it's effort. That's all it is. It was a great effort on their part."

Central Washington drove down the field on their first drive and took a quick 7-0 lead.

The 'Cats offense didn't put up any points in the first half, but sophomore linebacker Chad Kilgore returned an interception 25 yards for a score on Washington's seconds drive.

"Our defense after the first two series did an outstanding job, gave us great field position," Tjeerdsma said. "We got a defensive touchdown and that's always huge. When you play a great defense like Central Washington you have to have some help with special teams or defense scoring and we got it today."

Central Washington responded on the ensuing drive with a 12-yard score by running back Randall Eldridge. Washington held the 14-7 lead for the remainder of the first half.

Northwest scored on its first two drives of the second half, taking a 21-14 lead into the final minutes.

On the first drive of the second half, junior quarterback Blake Bolles hit sophomore wide receiver Jake Soy for a 15-yard touchdown. Soy still leads the nation with 23 receiving touchdowns this season.

"It was a great game," Tjeerdsma said. "I really want to compliment all these guys and our team, the way we came out after halftime. It wasn't anything any coach said, it's some things that some of our players said that really inspired these guys to get out and get after it the second half."

Bolles completed 31 of 40 passes for 295 yards. Soy's 136 receiving yards give him 1,393 on the season, 50 more than the previous Northwest record. He is just 102 yards shy of the single-season MIAA record.

Bolles tied Chris Greisen's school record by throwing his 38th touchdown of the season, this one a 19-yard strike to Jordan Simmons to put the 'Cats ahead for good.

"We felt like we weren't playing aggressive football, we were playing more not to lose than playing to win," Tjeerdsma said. "I thought our first two drives in the second half said a lot about that."

Central Washington got the ball back with 1:11 remaining in the game, after Bolles threw an interception



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SENIOR SAFETY MILES Burnside's stiff arms a Central Washington wide receiver after intercepting a pass moments earlier.

at the Central Washington 21 yard line, and began marching down the field. Cole Morgan hooked up with Mike Waller twice on the drive, including a 15-yard touchdown pass.

Then came Roach's heroics.

Northwest recovered the onside kick attempt and knelt the ball to escape with the victory.

"It's been an unbelievable run and we've had

some great games," Tjeerdsma said. "What made this so special is that some of our kids really stepped up at halftime and it wasn't necessarily our seniors, but some juniors stepped and said we're going to get this thing done and we're a team and we're a family and we care about each other and that's about it. I'm just proud at the way they responded."

The 'Cats move on to the semifinals for the fifth

consecutive year.

Northwest has now beaten five 12-0 teams since 2006 and won 15 straight playoff games leading up to the national championship.

The semifinal match up against California, Pa. will take place this Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Bearcat Stadium. The game will be nationally televised on CBS College Sports Network.

California defeated West Liberty 57-35 to advance.



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SEMIFINALS

Bearcats roll over Cal U, move on to National Championship

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

The Bearcats are headed back to Florence, Ala. for the fifth straight year, becoming the first Division II team to accomplish the feat.

Northwest defeated California (Pa.) 56-31 in the semifinal match-up at Bearcat Stadium, moving to 7-0 all-time in national semifinal games.

"This is a big win," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "Cal is a very good offensive team. We did a great job offensively of keeping on top of them. We're excited about moving on, we're not done. It's kind of an empty feeling right now because we've got one more to go."

Sophomore wide receiver Jake Soy scored three touchdowns and increased his total to 26.

"Honestly, it just happens throughout the game, I don't even think about it," Soy said. "I just let the game come to me and it's been working out so far."

Junior quarterback Blake Bolles set a new program record with 41 touchdown passes on the season.

Bolles hooked up with Soy

on the first drive of the game on a 6-yard score. Cal U. answered with a 31-yard field goal.

Windell Brown gave the Vulcans a 10-7 lead on his 2-yard touchdown run.

Bolles hit Soy again on a 4-yard pass to reclaim the lead for good.

With 7.5 seconds left in the first half, Tjeerdsma called a timeout. Junior defensive end Roberto Davis blocked the ensuing punt and RS-Fr. Billy Creason ran it in for a touchdown as time expired in the half.

"It's the feeling of a lifetime, I'll never forget it," Creason said. "I didn't remember what I did until it was done because it all happened so fast. All I could think was scoop and score. That feeling was amazing."

Creason scored again on a five yard run on the 'Cats first drive of the second half to increase the lead to 28-10.

Vulcan quarterback Josh Portis hooked up with A.J. Jackson on a 25-yard pass to cut into the lead.

RS-Fr. Jordan Simmons answered, returning the ensuing kickoff 81 yards for a touchdown.

The 'Cats and Vulcans then traded scores after Soy scored



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SENIOR RUNNING BACK LaRon Council prepares to juke past a California (Pa.) defender. Council ran the ball 22 times for 216 yards and a touchdown in the 'Cats' victory over the Vulcans.

his third of the day and senior running back LaRon Council scored on a 5-yard run. Council recorded a career-high 216 rushing yards in the game.

"They (offensive line) did a tremendous job today," Council said. "Every time the coaches tell them that we're going to be facing a good d-line, they step up to the challenge and do a good job. I'm just proud of all

of the guys for stepping up and making my last game at Bearcat Stadium worthwhile."

Creason also found the endzone again, this time on a 7-yard rush.

Portis hooked up with Terrence Moore and Dominique Curry on passing scores to cut Northwest's lead to 56-31.

The 'Cats will face Grand Valley State for the National

Title next Saturday.

"We're excited to play them," Tjeerdsma said. "They do a great job at Grand Valley. It's a first-class organization. They have a great staff and the kids know what it's all about. It should be a great game."

Grand Valley defeated Carson-Newman 41-27 in the semifinals to advance to the championship game.

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP | 'CATS BRING HOME THE HARDWARE

RUNNING OVER THE COMPETITION

'Cats survive comeback attempt, claim third National Title

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

The fifth time was the charm for the Bearcats. They captured their third National Championship and their first since 1999, defeating Grand Valley State 30-23 in Florence, Al.

"Wow," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "I'm thrilled for these guys and for the Bearcats. We've worked so hard for this. This was our goal, it probably didn't look like much in week one, but these guys have come a long way."

The defense came through in a big way, forcing a turnover on downs with 52 seconds remaining in the game to secure the victory.

"They were dropping, we had to get third and the world and forth and the world and a guy just got his hands up," Laker quarterback Brad Iciek said. "They know we have to go deep and they're just keeping it in front of them. The last play I held on to it a little bit to long. We were fighting and scratching; they just fought and scratched a little bit harder."

The 'Cats jumped out to a 21-0 halftime lead behind three rushing touchdowns. Senior running back LaRon Council scored on runs of 14 and 17 on his way to 136 first half yards. Council finished the day with 172 yards on 22 carries.

"The o-line was just doing a tremendous job," Council said. "Their defense was over running things, so I just had to be a little

more patient. When I did that and let them over run it I hit the hole and the receivers were doing an awesome job down field, which was springing a lot of big runs."

Junior quarterback Blake Bolles added the other score with a two-yard run in the second quarter.

A fumble on the one yard line by sophomore fullback Previn Perry cost Northwest seven points and the chance to be up 28-0 at the break.

The 21-0 deficit at halftime is the third-largest in Division II Championship game history.

Grand Valley came out of the locker room with a vengeance. Gary Anderson picked off a Bolles pass attempt on the 'Cats' first drive of the second half.

"Some of the things that happened late in the first half; early in the second half really kept us from blowing this thing open," Tjeerdsma said. "That's a credit to Grand Valley...you have to give them a lot of credit for hanging in there when it was 21 to nothing at halftime. They did a great job of coming back. They took all the momentum and we played not to lose for a while."

Four plays later, Iciek hooked up with Andrew Lorman on an eight-yard score.

Junior defensive end Kyle Sunderman blocked the ensuing extra point and junior cornerback Ryan Jones scooped it up and ran it back for a defensive two-point conversion.

Neither team could get it going over the next three drives, but Grand Valley got a 71-yard punt from Jay Jandasek to pin the Bearcats deep.

The Lakers forced a three and out giving their offense the ball with good field position. Iciek hit Ryan Bass for a 33-yard touchdown to make it a 23-13 game.

RS-Fr. Jordan Simmons fumbled on the next drive, giving Grand Valley the shot of momentum they were looking for.

Blake Smolen ran for a two-yard score on the sixth play of the fourth quarter to cut Northwest's lead to just three.

On the ensuing drive, Blake Bolles hit Council for an 18-yard gain on 3rd and 22 to set up sophomore wide receiver Jake Soy's 26-yard touchdown on fourth down.

"The touchdown to Jake was a huge play on fourth down," Tjeerdsma said. "That was a check. We had a one on one match up. It was our best against their best to see what we could do and our best won."

That play gave the Bearcats back the confidence that had

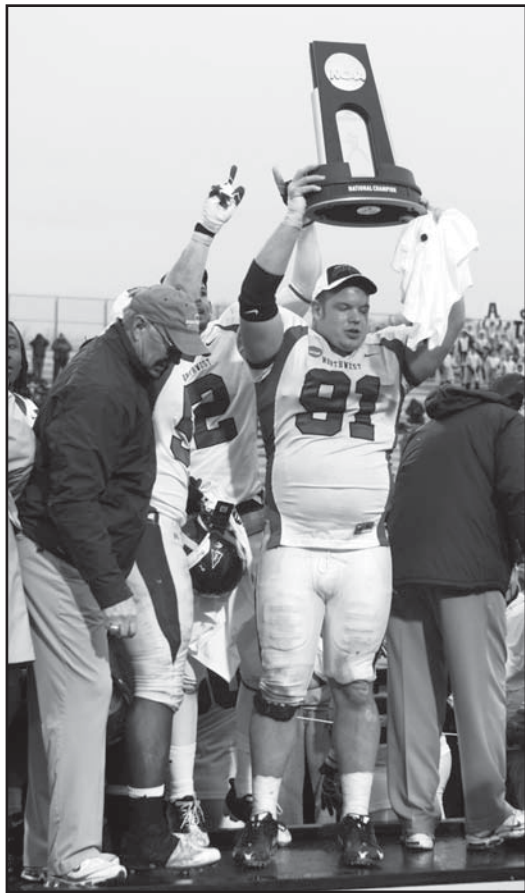


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SENIOR DEFENSIVE LINEMAN Tyler Roach raises up the Division II National Championship trophy over a sea of Bearcats fans during the post-game celebration.

slipped over to Grand Valley.

"Coming out, right from the get go of the second half we played not to lose, instead of playing to win like we did in the first half," Bolles said. "That first series I got sacked

and I'm sure people were like here we go again; we can't have this again. We pressed a little bit and it took us out of the game. That touchdown was huge, not only confidence for the offense, but the confidence for the defense was huge."

Bolles finished the game 15-23 for 198 yards, setting a new Northwest and MIAA single-season record with 4,154 yards. Soy caught nine passes for 118 yards, giving him a new single-season record of 1,559 yards. His touchdown grab increased his nation-leading total to 27.

Grand Valley could only muster a 21-yard field goal for Jandasek before Northwest's final defensive stand.

This win breaks the streak of four straight National Championship Game losses leading up to this year. This senior class was a part of all those previous efforts that fell short, but finally got the one thing that had escaped them in the past; a National Championship.

"A million things were going through my mind, but I just wanted to thank God first," Council said. "Without Him, I know that none of this would be possible. I just got that out of the way and then started letting everything else get to me. It's an incredible feeling to go out this way."



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SENIOR RUNNING BACK LaRon Council lets his emotions flair as he breaks the goal line to put the 'Cats up 21-0 in the first half. Council rushed for 172 yards and two touchdowns in his final game as a Bearcat.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME | STATS

TALE OF 2 HALFS

SCORE BY QUARTER

(13-2) 0 0 13 10 — 23



(14-1) 7 14 2 7 — 30



GAME STATS

Northwest		Grand Valley
20	First Downs	22
168	Total Rushing	91
33	Rushing Attempts	29
3	Rushing TDs	1
198	Total Passing	290
15-23-1	Comp.-Att.-Ints	28-49-1
1	Passing TDs	2
366	Total Offense	381
56	Total Plays	78
9-78	Penalties-yards	6-35
22:33	Possession Time	37:27
3-4	Red Zone Scores/Chances	3-3
1-11	Sacks/yards	2-11
4-4	PAT Kicks	2-3



SENIOR RUNNING BACK LaRon Council tears through the arms of a Grand Valley State defender. Council accounted for two of the three scores in the first half.

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INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING	Yards	TDs	Avg.
LaRon Council	172	2	7.8
P.T. Gates	36	0	3.0

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	Long
Blake Bolles	15-23-1	198	26
Brad Iciek	28-49-1	290	35

RECEIVING	Yds	TD	Long
Jake Soy	118	1	26
Ryan Bass	111	1	33

DEFENSE	Tackles	Sacks	Int.
Adam Vondrak	11	0	0
Kyle Sunderman	10	1-11	0
Ryan Jones	3	0	1-18
Justin Victor	10	0	0
Gary Anderson	9	0	1-6
Nick Lawrence	4	2-11	0

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GAME WINNING DRIVES

1st Qtr- 7:59- LaRon Council, 14 yard touchdown run - the drive went 76 yards in 6 plays

2nd Qtr- 12:51- Blake Bolles, four yard touchdown run - the drive went 97 yards in 16 plays

2nd Qtr- 12:11- LaRon Council, 17 yard touchdown run - the drive went 17 yards in one play

3rd Qtr- 11:22- Ryan Jones, PAT return for a safety

4th Qtr- 10:00- Jake Soy, 26 yard touchdown pass from Blake Bolles - the drive went 32 yards in 4 plays

STAT OF THE GAME

This is just the third National Championship game where one team has had a 100 yard rusher and a 100 yard receiver.

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SEASON REFLECTION

Seniors finally capture elusive National Title

By Tony Botts
Comm. Sports Editor

For five years, the senior football players have seen far more success than they have defeat. However, it is those few losses that make this senior class different than any other in the nation.

This senior class has never experienced a loss inside of conference play and their class has also won the most games across a four year span, including four consecutive conference titles. However, this senior class has endured four consecutive losses in the National Championship game.

A journey that started as a Redshirt Freshman way back in 2005 has concluded with the raising of the coveted National Championship trophy.

A top the podium inside of Braly Municipal Stadium, senior safety Myles Burnside could not help but release the wave of emotions as he hoisted the trophy high above his head.

"I let go a little bit," Burnside said.

"I try not to show emotion because guys get excited after playoff wins, but that's not our goal to win playoff games; our goal is to win National Championships. So when I got a hold of that trophy, I definitely yelled out and held it over my head. That feeling is absolutely priceless."

While this senior class was able to capture the title, four senior classes before them have been in the same position, but fell short. It is after each devastating loss that head coach Mel Tjeerdsma has asked the upcoming senior class for their intentions for the next season. He said he never had to use the loss to motivate his players.

"When we started talking about 2009 back in January, or even when we came back from the championship game, we started talking to everybody about next year," Tjeerdsma said. "It's all about that year. Because of our tradition, our kids take so much ownership of their year. You look out there on that press box, that's the best thing we ever

did because they can look up there and ask 'where is 2009 going to be?' It is going to be right there in the middle in the biggest numbers."

However, this season all could have been for not. The team's season rested on a crucial extra point with 6 seconds remaining in the game. Senior Tyler Roach took his season's fate into his own hands, and with a surge from his defensive line mates, broke through the line, deflecting the game tying PAT.

"That was one of the best times I have ever had in my life," Roach said, "Besides winning the National Championship. We got another chance to play another game and I just happened to step up and make a play."

After rolling through California-Pennsylvania during the Semifinal game, the 'Cats jumped out to an early 21-0 halftime lead in the National Championship game. The momentum shifted Grand Valley's way early in the second half, causing many to relapse and wonder if this year was just like



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SENIOR DEFENSIVE LINEMAN Tyler Roach celebrates after the defense holds on a third and short situation in the semifinal game against California (Pa.).

the previous four.

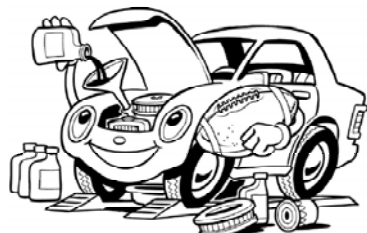
"For a minute, it was 'Oh no, not again,'" senior defensive end Sean Paddock said. "But I think in the past, when things like that happened, we kind of dwelled on it."

It is here, that the senior class finished writing their legacy. No other senior class has experience the roller

coaster ride of emotions as these 15 seniors have.

"All I ever knew down there was being upset," senior running back La-Ron Council said. "Up until the last second on the clock I was still staying calm, and once it hit, it hit me. I put the trophy in my hands and it made it all so real."

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MEL TJEERDSMA



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HEAD COACH MEL Tjeerdsma meets with fans after the 'Cats' National Title victory. The win was Tjeerdsma's third Title win in his 16 year career at Northwest.

The season through Tjeerdsma's eyes

By Brian Bosiljevac
Sports Editor

When Mel Tjeerdsma arrived at Northwest Missouri State in 1994, he led the Bearcats to a 0-11 record. Luckily things changed for the head coach and things changed fast.

Two short seasons later, Tjeerdsma had the team sporting an 11-2 record and he hasn't looked back since.

"Our staff believed we were going to win," Tjeerdsma said. "Everybody on my staff had come from programs where we had won championships... we all had that mentality. So we thought we were going to win, but I don't think any of us thought it'd end up quite like this, but once we got going we just kept rolling."

The icon of Bearcat football is 171-30 since that first season and has taken his team to the National Championship seven out of his 16-years as head coach.

This season the 'Cats finally broke a four year title game losing streak to bring home Northwest's third National Championship.

"I don't think I thought so much about that," Tjeerdsma said. "My thoughts were on the seniors. All the joy that you could have was right there

seeing them. When that game was over and they got up on that stand and celebrated, man that was worth it all. They've had such a great career and this was the one thing that they were kind of lacking and what better way to go out then to win it all your last year."

The thought of even making the championship game looked a little hazy after the season opener on Aug. 27th in Abilene, Texas.

The 'Cats dropped that game 19-14. Turnovers accounted for 16 Wildcat points in a less than perfect Bearcat performance.

"I knew going in that was going to be a tough game and we had so much youth on offense, it was going to be a miracle for us to go there and beat a team of that quality. You never expect to lose, but I was preparing for a loss," Tjeerdsma said. "I didn't think a loss would really hurt us and as it turned out it didn't."

The first loss of the season didn't stop the 'Cats from rallying off 10 straight conference wins, expanding Northwest's MIAA winning streak to 40 games.

Tjeerdsma accomplished an impressive record of his own this season when he tied the record for most National Championships in Division II

history. The win against Grand Valley State marks Tjeerdsma's third title.

"I think for some reason with this group I was closer to, but this was a more relaxed group," Tjeerdsma said. "It was a fun group and they really enjoyed everything. It got to the point because they had so much fun that I became like a fan saying I hope we can win this because these guys enjoyed it."

The 'Cats nearly watched a 21-0 lead slip away in the title game. Grand Valley State closed within three points and just when people began to think that elusive National Championship may slip through the 'Cats fingers for a fifth straight year, we saw something we've seen all season.

On fourth and four, Bolles connected with Soy one final time on a 26 yard touchdown pass to put the game out of reach.

"It means a lot. Before we came here there wasn't any consistency," Tjeerdsma said. "What we've been able to accomplish here, I say we because it hasn't just been me, between our staff, administration, fan base and some amazing players, it has been special what we've been able to accomplish. I do feel like my fingerprints are all over it and that makes it pretty neat."

Tjeerdsma Up Close

- 11 MIAA Championships
- 3 NCAA Championships
- 7 National title game appearances
- Won Northwest's first Championship
- Third on active wins list (230)
- Seventh-best win percentage (.738)
- Most postseason victories (29) in Division II history
- Nine undefeated MIAA seasons
- Four players drafted into the NFL
- MIAA Coach of the Year 11 times
- AFCA Regional Coach of the Year seven times
- Produced 39 All-Americans
- Produced 111 All-MIAA student-athletes

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SOPHOMORE RECEIVER JAKE Soy runs down field during the game against Missouri Southern at Bearcat Stadium. Soy hauled in 27 touchdown passes this season; an MIAA and Northwest single season record.

'Cats rewrite record books

The 'Cats National Championship season was one to remember, and thanks to multiple record breaking performances, the 2009 Bearcats will forever hold a place in the Northwest record books.

ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Team

First Team
Myles Burnsidess
Second Team
Sean Paddock

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Evan Wilmes
Second Team
Jake Soy

MIAA Most Valuable Offensive Player

LaRon Council

MIAA Coach of the Year

Mel Tjeerdsma

First Team All-MIAA

Offense

LaRon Council
Jake Soy
Blake Bolles
Brett Grozinger
Jason Wiseman

Defense

Myles Burnsidess
Ryan Jones
Tyler Roach
Chad Kilgore

Second Team All-MIAA

Defense

Sean Paddock
Shayne Shade

Daktronics All-Super Region 4 Team

First Team

LaRon Council

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Myles Burnsidess

Second Team

Jason Wiseman

Blake Bolles

Ryan Jones

Daktronics All-America Team

First Team

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Second Team

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AFCA All-America Team

Myles Burnsidess



Blake Bolles

-Passing Touchdowns in a single-season (42) Northwest & MIAA record

-Passing yards in a single-season (4,145) Northwest & MIAA record
-Total offense (4,258) Northwest single-season record
-Completion Percentage (69.5%, 312-449) Northwest single-season record



Jake Soy

-Receiving Touchdowns in a game (4) Northwest record

-Receiving touchdowns in a single-season (27) MIAA & Northwest record
-Receiving yards in a single-season (1,559) MIAA & Northwest record
-Receptions in a single-season (98) Northwest record

LaRon Council



-Second in program history in rushing yards (4,044)
-Second in touchdowns (63)

Myles Burnsidess



-Sixth in program history in tackles (294)
-Third in program history in interceptions (16)

Sean Paddock



-Career leader in sacks (26)
-Career leader in tackles for loss (43.5)



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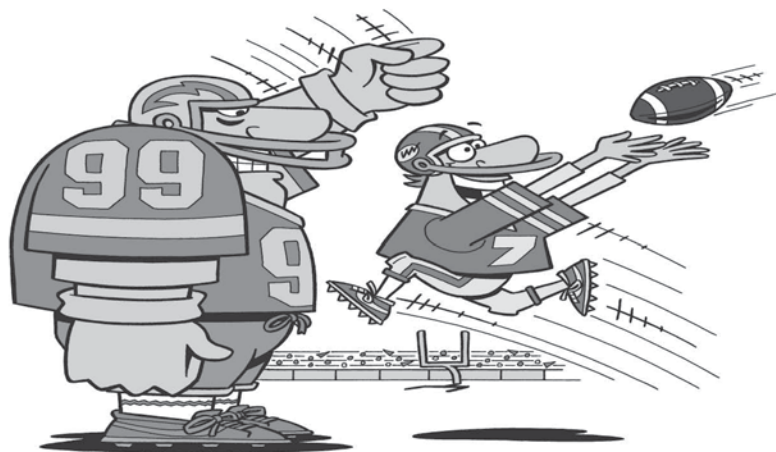
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